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A NOTABLE HERITAGE.....A PROMISING FUTURE

CARTHAGE, ILLINOIS—an attractive community large enough to have the facilities of modern living, yet small enough to remain convenient and friendly. It is a comfortable city with quiet, tree-lined streets and stately homes. By contrast, it is intersected by busy highways and serviced by lively businesses. It has cultural, educational and recreational advantages afforded by few other cities of comparable size.

The county seat of Hancock County, Carthage is located in west-central Illinois, just 14 miles from the mighty Mississippi River. It is an area rich in history associated with such names in America's past as Abraham Lincoln, Mark Twain, Chief Blackhawk and Joseph Smith. The Old Carthage Jail, where Joseph Smith was assassinated, is now preserved as a shrine in an attractive park that includes a beautiful information center.

The first settlers came to Carthage in 1831, and it was incorporated as a town in 1837. From the very beginning, it was planned as the county seat because of its central location. Carthage has always been a rural community and is indeed a town where "farm and business meet." It has long served as both a shopping and commercial center for Hancock County. With a population today of 3000, Carthage stands as a community with progressive government, an excellent school system and fine opportunities for work and play. In the center of one of the richest farm areas in the United States, Carthage is truly a city with a stable economy and a promising future.

Perhaps its most famous attraction is the Old Carthage Jail attracting annually over 32,000 tourists, many of them Mormons visiting the shrine to the founder of their religion, Joseph Smith. Smith met his death in the Carthage Jail at the hands of a mob on June 27, 1844. Their action resulted in the Mormons abandoning nearby Nauvoo on their famous trek west that led to the founding of Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Hancock County Courthouse, located in the center of the Carthage square, has long been noted as one of the most beautiful in the state of Illinois. It provides an integral part of the overall economy of the city and it serves as the governmental center of interest in Hancock County.

A community offering opportunity for the full life

- ***PROGRESSIVE enough to steadily improve its economy and appearance***
- ***ACTIVE enough to provide complete recreational facilities***
- ***CULTURED enough to develop outstanding educational and religious institutions***
- ***QUIET enough to provide an atmosphere of rest and relaxation***
- ***FRIENDLY enough to know no strangers***

The Carthage Park District offers a complete line of sports and recreation facilities, including a municipal swimming pool, 6 lighted all-weather tennis courts, one of the area's sportiest 9-hole golf courses, 3 lighted baseball fields, fishing, archery, horseshoe pitching boxes as well as hiking, jogging and bicycle trails. The Park District also provides campsites with electrical hookups, shelter houses, fireplaces and playground equipment.

Robert Morris College

Park District Youth Program

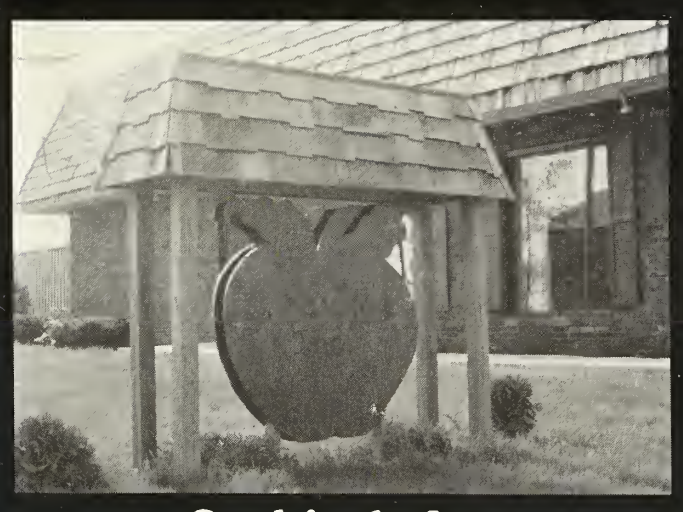
Jaycees July Fourth Celebration

Precision Electric

Lake Carthage

A Friendly Community...

Carthage



Good Apple, Inc.

Carthage Tourism Center

Show N' Tell Doll House Museum

Annual Strawberry Strut

Martin Aviation and Airstrip

Canoe Race on Lake Carthage

The City Square

A Nice Place to Live

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- *Excellent medical, dental and health care*
- *Lake Park and 9-hole golf course*
- *Quality education facilities—800 children enrolled*
- *WCAZ AM-FM Radio Station*
- *Hancock County Journal Pilot weekly newspaper*
- *Memorial Hospital*
- *Hancock County Nursing Home*
- *Robert Morris College*
- *Hancock County Gun Club*
- *Carl Sandburg College Extension Center*
- *Show' N Tell Doll House*
- *Ten churches*
- *Saddle Club and Racetrack*
- *Biz's Campground—11 miles south on Rte. 94*
- *Martin Aviation and Airstrip*

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